CLAIMS

1. A communication device, comprising:

recognizing means for recognizing an attribute of a search condition that is added to image data stored in a communicating party; and

searching means for searching the image data stored in the communicating party based on the recognition made by the recognizing means.

2. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein the search condition includes positional information, and the recognizing means recognizes an attribute of the positional information that is added to the image data stored in the communicating party.

3. A communication device according to claim 1, further comprising display means for displaying the attribute of the search condition recognized by the recognizing means.

4. A communication device according to claim 1, further comprising inquiry means for making an inquiry to the communicating party as to what attribute of a search condition is added to the image data stored in the communicating party, wherein the recognizing means makes the recognition based on a result of the inquiry

made by the inquiry means.

5. A communication device according to claim 4, wherein the inquiry means makes the inquiry each time the communication device connects with the communicating party in order to search the image data stored in the communicating party.

6. A communication device according to claim 4, further comprising setting means for setting a mode in which the inquiry means does not make the inquiry even when the communication device connects with the communicating party in order to search the image data stored in the communicating party.

7. A communication device according to claim 4, further comprising setting means for setting a mode in which the inquiry means makes the inquiry when the communication device connects with the communicating party, independently of the search of the image data stored in the communicating party.

8. A communication device according to claim 7, further comprising display means for displaying the attribute of the search condition recognized by the recognizing means in accordance with a setting made by the setting means.

9. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein the searching means comprises converting means for converting the search condition in accordance with the recognition made by the recognizing means, and informing means for informing the search condition converted by the converting means to the communicating party.

10. A communication device according to claim 9, further comprising selecting means for selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes recognized by the recognizing means, wherein the converting means converts the search condition in accordance with the selection made by the selecting means.

11. A communication device according to claim 1, further comprising selecting means for selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes recognized by the recognizing means, and judging means for judging whether or not the search condition of the attribute selected by the selecting means is utilizable in the communication device.

12. A communication device according to claim 11, wherein the judging means makes the judgement based on a search condition that is added to the image data stored in the communicating party.

13. An image storage device, comprising:

informing means for informing a communicating party of an attribute of a search condition that is added to image data stored in the image storage device; and

searching means for searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party.

14. An image storage device according to claim 13, wherein the search condition includes positional information, and the informing means informs the communicating party of an attribute of the positional information that is added to the image data stored.

15. An image storage device according to claim 13, wherein the informing means informs the communicating party of the attribute of the search condition in accordance with a request from the communicating party.

16. An image storage device according to claim 13, further comprising judging means for judging, based on information received from the communicating party, whether or not a search condition of an attribute that the communicating party is capable of sending as a search condition is of a given format.

17. A communication device, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining positional information; and

transmitting means for transmitting the positional information obtained by the obtaining means when an image pickup instruction signal for instructing to take an image is sent to an image pickup device.

18. A communication device according to claim 17, wherein the obtaining means is capable of obtaining pieces of positional information of a plurality of attributes, and the transmitting means selectively transmits the positional information of the plurality of attributes.

19. A communication device according to claim 18, further comprising selecting means for selecting arbitrary positional information from the pieces of positional information of the plurality of attributes, wherein the transmitting means transmits the positional information in accordance with the selection made by the selecting means.

20. A communication device according to claim 17, further comprising display means for displaying information related to the positional information

transmitted by the transmitting means.

21. A communication device according to claim 17, wherein the obtaining means is capable of obtaining pieces of positional information of a plurality of attributes, and the communication device further comprises display means for displaying the attributes of the positional information obtained by the obtaining means.

22. A communication device according to claim 17, further comprising searching means for searching image data stored in the image pickup device.

23. An image pickup device, comprising:

receiving means for receiving positional information together with an image pickup instruction signal from a communicating party that instructs the image pickup device to take an image;

image-taking means for taking an image in accordance with the image pickup instruction signal received by the receiving means; and

storage means for storing the positional information received by the receiving means in association with the image taken by the image-taking means.

24. An image pickup device according to claim 23, wherein the storage means stores the image with the positional information being added thereto.

25. An image pickup device according to claim 23, further comprising informing means for informing the communicating party of an attribute of the positional information stored in association with the stored image, in accordance with an instruction from the communicating party.

26. An image pickup device according to claim 23, further comprising searching means for searching image data based on the positional information stored in association with the stored image.

27. An image pickup device according to claim 23, further comprising searching means for searching image data based on an attribute of the positional information stored in association with the stored image.

28. A communication device controlling method, comprising:

a recognizing step of recognizing an attribute of a search condition that is added to image data stored in a communicating party; and

a searching step of searching the image data stored in the communicating party based on the recognition made in the recognizing step.

29. An image storage device controlling method, comprising:

an informing step of informing a communicating party of an attribute of a search condition that is added to image data stored in the image storage device; and

a searching step of searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party.

30. A communication device controlling method, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining positional information; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the positional information obtained in the obtaining step when an image pickup instruction signal for instructing to take an image is sent to an image pickup device.

31. An image pickup device controlling method, comprising:

a receiving step of receiving positional information together with an image pickup instruction

signal from a communicating party that instructs the image pickup device to take an image;

an image-taking step of taking an image in accordance with the image pickup instruction signal received in the receiving step; and

a storing step of storing the positional information received in the receiving step in association with the image taken in the image-taking step.